



WHITE RIVER STATE PARK FAMILY ARTS SERIES

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Free family entertainment series kicks off this Saturday at White River State Park *Third annual Family Arts Series offers free admission, outdoor performances this summer*

INDIANAPOLIS — Hoosiers will get a healthy dose of sun and fun this summer during the third annual Family Arts Series at White River State Park. All at no cost for attendees, well-known local acts such as Dance Kaleidoscope and the Heartland Actors' Repertory Theater, as well as Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter Tom Chapin and the nationally acclaimed Disney Channel's 2009 Next Big Thing, Jasmine, will bring the arts outdoors with song, dance and theater – starting this Saturday, June 26 – for free.

“This free arts series gives Hoosiers a chance to enjoy the performing arts in true summer fashion – under the sun, right next to the river,” said Bob Whitt, executive director of White River State Park. “Thanks to the generosity of the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation and the Lilly Endowment Inc., all of the Family Arts Series performances are once again free for attendees this summer.”

Performances will take place at the outdoor Celebration Amphitheater, which seats about 1,500 people, located at the west end of Celebration Plaza in White River State Park. Guests are invited to bring their blankets and picnic baskets to enjoy the entertainment from the grass. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, as well.

White River State Park Family Arts Series lineup for 2010:

- **Saturday, June 26, Noon - 4 p.m.**
Family Fun Day in the Park featuring Radio Disney's 2009 Next Big Thing, **Jasmine Sagginario**. All WRSP attractions (Zoo, Indiana State Museum, NCAA Hall of Champions, Eiteljorg Museum, Victory Field and the downtown IMAX Theater) will be out with interactive activities, entertainment and fun for all.
- **Saturday, July 10, 6 p.m.**
Grammy Award-winning American musician, entertainer, singer-songwriter and storyteller **Tom Chapin**. Chapin's opening act will be local artists, **The Grimes Girls**, who play such genres of music as sacred, classical, bluegrass fiddling and Celtic fiddling.
- **Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24, 6 p.m.**
Dance Kaleidoscope Family Performance. This interactive educational program defines dance as shapes moving through space to a beat. DK will present a collection of diverse, athletic and exciting dances – perfect for the entire family.

- **Friday, Aug. 8, Saturday, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug 10, 2 p.m.**
Heartland Actors' Repertory Theatre presents Shakespeare's *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, directed by Artistic Director Michael Shelton.
- **Saturday, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.**
An Evening of Jazz with Rob Dixon and Friends -- Rob Dixon has played the saxophone for 28 years starting when he was ten years old in Atlanta, Ga. His early influences were legendary saxophone players Cannonball Adderley and John Coltrane. Dixon studied jazz in Bloomington, Ind. at Indiana University

For more information, including a map of the location and parking options, or in case of inclement weather, please call the Park Visitors Center at (317) 233-2434 or visit

www.inwhiteriver.org.

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The Family Arts Series is another great program in White River State Park, the center of Indianapolis culture, providing entertainment for a wide range of audiences. The Park offers a unique experience with a variety of educational and recreational attractions, including the Indianapolis Zoo and White River Gardens, Indiana State Museum, IMAX® Theater, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, NCAA Hall of Champions, Victory Field, The Lawn and the Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial.